TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1041 – HB 1040

March 12, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Permits the District Attorney in each judicial district to employ additional criminal investigators regardless of whether or not the investigator position is funded by the state. Increases the maximum amount of service credit that can be awarded to criminal investigators upon employment from eight years to twelve years.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (003925): Authorizes all judicial districts, not just a select few, to appoint criminal investigators. Gives criminal investigators appointed in judicial districts which have a metropolitan form of government the same powers as the metropolitan government's police force.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Currently, criminal investigators with prior law enforcement experience or post-secondary degrees can receive up to eight years of service credit. A criminal investigator with such experience will have a starting salary of \$30,000.
- The bill increases the maximum service credit a criminal investigator can receive from eight years to 12 years. An incoming criminal investigator who receives 12 years of service credit will have a starting salary of \$34,000.
- According to the District Attorneys General Conference, the increased service credit can be absorbed within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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